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- 25X1 1. Vicko Krstulovic, Minister of the Merchant Marine, has expressed dissatisfaction with the progress of merchant marine reconstruction work. [redacted] he complained of the "inexperience of the technicians, and the poor organization of all services in general but particularly of the dock services".
- 25X1 2. [redacted] he treated extensively the poor condition of the installations made aboard ships of the Skoplje class which were recently launched in Rijeka. He also severely criticized the armament of two minesweepers launched last autumn in Rijeka and Split.
3. He concluded by saying that despite the Yugoslav Government's interest in this field and the vast amount of money spent, the merchant marine yards were in poor condition.
- 25X1 4. A technician [redacted] expressed the opinion that the poor results achieved in Yugoslav shipyards were caused by the following:
- a. Lack of technicians, particularly specialists.
 - b. Poor supplies.
 - c. Imbroglio of politics and propaganda.
 - d. Unnecessary speeches and meetings.
 - e. Indifference on the part of the workers.
 - f. Poor technical direction.
 - g. Constant intrusion of Political Commissars and Party activists.
 - h. Derelict and inexperienced ship personnel.
 - i. Passive resistance on the part of the regime's opponents.
- 25X1 5. [redacted] Krstulovic is well aware of what is happening but must pretend to ignore it to save himself. The same disintegration has taken place in all Yugoslav productive forces and not only in the Merchant Marine which is without machines and raw materials. In the shipyards, as well as in the rest of the country's industry, those who have distinguished themselves as Partisans or Party members have been given positions even though they are technically incompetent.

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